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and respected his iron will. It was the proud boast of my class that we started the Wilson presidential boom long before he was even considered for governor of New Jersey. In the spring evenings of my last year in Princeton the senior class would sit on the steps of "Old Nassau Hall" and start our singing with this verse:

Here's to Woodrow, King Divine,
He rules this place along with Fine;
We fear he will soon leave our town
To try for Teddy Roosevelt's crown.

Our fear became a reality, and thinking of the thrills of those bygone days, of the wonderful spirit of patriotism that beat in every breast from the Statue of Liberty to the Golden Gate, I come back to that remark of "Bucky" O'Neill's, "Who would not die for a new star in the flag?"

THE ORIGIN OF EDDYVILLE

Origins of Eddyville antedate those of Ottumwa. Eddyville was founded upon the site of the Indian trading post of J. P. Eddy. He established a ferry there in 1844. Later that year he left, to spend his sunset years in St. Louis.

In 1848 Eddyville's going business included a pottery, established a year earlier by J. M. McNamee. It lasted four years.

United States Surveyor General Sargeant writing of 1848, refers to Eddyville as being on the "west bank" of the river. As nearly as can be determined, this is an error.—*Ottumwa Courier*, Centennial edition, August 7, 1948.

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